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## Lawyer names Olinski president

By Dwight Irwin

Jon Olinski was officially named the Conestoga Students Incorporated president for the 2001/02 school year, at a CSI board of directors meeting on April 9.

Olinski was deemed the winner of the March 13-15 election, after the CSI received word from its lawyer that candidate Jessica Sperling was found to be ineligible to run for the position.

She is a part-time student and under the 1999 constitution, part-time students are not allowed to sit on the CSI executive or its board of directors.

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*Jessica Sperling, former chair of CSI board*

A proposed amendment to the constitution from last year allowed part-time students to be part of the corporation, but the lawyer dismissed the amendment saying it was invalid.

All amendments to the constitution must be passed by the general membership (the students) to become part of the constitution. If the proposed amendments are not passed at an annual general meeting within one year's time they die. The lawyer said the proposed amendments from 1999/2000 hold no weight because they weren't passed at the annual meeting because there was no annual meeting last fall.

As a result, Sperling was deemed ineligible and Olinski won by default. Sperling was also dismissed as chairman of the board because she is not considered a member of the corporation, in accordance with the constitution.

The questions of Sperling's eligibility came up after a March 28 BOD meeting. Confusion arose because the 1999 constitution says part-time students can't sit on the CSI executive, while the 2000 constitution, which was never ratified by students, does.

At that meeting, former CSI president Phil LeBeau lodged a formal complaint against the election process. The CSI took these concerns to the lawyer to get a legal opinion.

Outgoing president Brad Whiteford said the legal costs will likely total about \$600.

After the April 9 meeting, Sperling said, "It was unfortunate how things happened. I feel bad I can't continue with the BOD and finish my term (as chair)."

She said she had no knowledge of her ineligibility and it was just a misunderstanding of the constitution between herself and Trevor Trewartha, the chief returning officer. But, she said, she holds no ill feelings towards the CSI. She said she will continue volunteering whenever she can.

"Hopefully going through all of this will make for a strong future for the CSI. I wish them well," she said.

The BOD decided to overlook the fact Sperling has been ineligible to be chair all year long and will not change any decisions it has made over the past year.

All proposed amendments made by the board this past year will be taken to an annual general meeting some time this coming fall.

But the proposed amendments from the 1999/2000 school year, that recognized part-time students as members of the CSI, can't be taken to the annual meeting to be passed because any proposals must be passed within one year's time and these weren't.

"I'm going to make sure we have an annual meeting next year," to avoid having any future problems with amendments that don't get passed, Whiteford said. If two-thirds of the students at the annual meeting agree to any of the 2000/01 proposed amendments, they become part of the CSI's constitution.

Trewartha took personal responsibility for the problems with this year's election.

"Jessica and Jon have been taken along on a ride and I apologize to them for this," he said.

Trewartha also volunteered to help the CSI sort out its constitutional problems this summer.

"The CSI has been set back by these complications, but this is a stepping stone in bringing the corporation forward. Now they have the opportunity to look at the constitution and really understand what it means," he added after the meeting.

The BOD elected new vice-president of communications Jamie Taylor to be its chair for the final month of the school year.

### Paramedic predicament



Tom Wilson, left, a faculty member at Loyalist College and a judge in the paramedics skills competition at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre, on April 5, keeps a close eye on second-year Conestoga paramedic students Jennifer Neilson, middle, and Sherry Foster while they attend to Amanda Finch, a first-year paramedic student who played a victim suffering injuries from an accident.

(Photo by Kyla Rowntree)

## Classes to run later in the day

By Reni Nicholson

Conestoga College's Doon campus is preparing for an influx of about 500 new students for the fall semester 2001.

Enrolment at the college has increased due to new programs including the bachelor of science degree in nursing program connected with Mohawk College and McMaster University, the pre-service firefighter program and the addition of a second year to the computer programmer program.

To accommodate the overflow of new students, current students need to be aware of timetable changes for September, said Grant McGregor, college principal.

Classrooms will be occupied from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., said Donna Runions, manager of college academics and administrative service, and Friday afternoons will have to be better utilized. Currently fewer classes are scheduled on Friday afternoons and classes end daily at 4:30 p.m.

"We'll do our best to try and accommodate students, but that doesn't mean we can't avoid early mornings and late afternoon," she said.

McGregor and Runions want to inform students of the scheduling changes now before the start of the fall semester, so that arrangements can be made for child care and after-school jobs.

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# Conestoga desires polytechnic status

## Government wants detailed plan of how college will make conversion

By Jody Andruszkiewicz

Conestoga College is signalling to the Ontario government that it wants to become a polytechnic institute, according to college president John Tibbits.

Responding to a recommendation made in the Investing in Students Task Force report which outlines that the Ontario government should choose three or four colleges to convert to polytechnic institutes, Tibbits said Conestoga is hoping to be one of them if the government acts on the recommendation.

Polytechnic institutes are educational institutions offering full-time diploma programs and applied degree programs.

In converting, Conestoga to a polytechnic institute, Tibbits said the college will be examining other polytechnic institutes around the globe as well as doing a significant economic study.

Ryerson, located in Toronto, was the last polytechnic institute in Ontario before it converted to a university during the 1990s.

"A polytechnic institute focuses

on its community," Tibbits said in reference to a polytechnic institute's effect on a community's economy, "and that's something Conestoga already does."

He said the government is asking for a detailed plan of how a college will turn itself into a polytechnic institute not just some letter of intent, adding that it's going to take a lot of time and effort to construct this plan.

Tibbits said being ISO 9001 certified benefits the college because in choosing which colleges can convert to a polytechnic institute, the provincial government is looking for quality differentiation among the colleges applying for this status.

He added that it will be easier to be granted the status of being a polytechnic institute if Conestoga keeps its Key Performance Indicator rank at a high level. KPIs are used as benchmarks of excellence for colleges across the province and Conestoga has been ranked number 1 in KPIs for the past two years.

It could take almost 10 years to convert Conestoga into a polytech-

nic institute and cost at least \$100 million. Tibbits said designing an applied degree program costs approximately \$3.5 million, citing the applied degree in robotics the

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Conestoga College president*

college is trying to obtain.

However, Tibbits said converting to a polytechnic institute could positively affect funding as it will be easier to attract corporate funding. In addition he said he thinks degree programs will be worth more in funding from the provincial government.

"I certainly think polytechnic institutes will get more (funding)," he said.

In addition to funding issues, Tibbits said the college will alleviate the potential growth problems through capital investments like the \$14 million SuperBuild project which will add an estimated

100,000 square feet of space to the main academic building on the Doon campus by the fall of 2002.

The SuperBuild expansion fund, created by the provincial government to help post-secondary institutions deal with Grade 12 and OAC graduates entering the post-secondary system at the same time because of secondary school reform, was granted to Conestoga by the provincial government last April.

The addition to the main academic building will create 71 new classrooms and eight new laboratories.

The student residence is being expanded to house a total of 436 students as the college's student population could double in size from 5,000 to 10,000 students.

The college is also investigating the possibility of constructing a major Waterloo campus near the new Millennium Park that could be ready by 2004.

This conversion will affect tuition, Tibbits said, adding that degree programs will cost more than diploma programs, but Conestoga certainly wouldn't be charging more than the universities.

Tibbits said there is a demand from the community for highly skilled employees and it would be a tremendous benefit to the community to have a polytechnic institute to meet that demand with employees who have applied degrees.

"You can't be a polytechnic institute without degrees," he said, adding there is a demand from students and parents to be able to get a degree.

Tibbits went on to say that a polytechnic institute would be beneficial to students in a diploma program because there is the potential they can get a diploma and an applied degree.

He did outline a problem in that students don't get full value for their college credits at a university.

"It's very hard to get fair value for college credits at a university," he said, adding the report from the Investing in Students Task Force outlined this problem as well and recommended that the college and university systems work together to streamline the transfer process as well as determining the value of college credits at a university.

## Over \$14 million being spent on addition to accommodate more than 1,600 students

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Three first-year programs, commencing in the fall are being moved to the Waterloo campus as a result of the shuffle.

The software engineering program, the home child-care program and the revised health-office administration program do not have first-year students who will be affected by moving the programs to Waterloo because these programs are first-time programs.

McGregor said these programs are eligible for the move because they are first-time programs.

It would be too upsetting to move a program midway through a student's college career, said McGregor.

The shuffling of classrooms and adjusting of timetables are being done as a result of a flood of about 300 first-year students and approximately 200 second- and third-year students, said McGregor.

"We'll also be losing space due to the construction of the new wing," said McGregor.

The wing is funded by the Ontario SuperBuild Growth Fund,

a provincially funded program announced in the 1999 Ontario Budget.

The fund was created to fulfill the Ontario government's commitment to modernize and expand the infrastructure of Ontario's colleges and universities.

Funding in the amount of \$14.2 million has been designated to the construction of the building that will consist mainly of classrooms.

The building will be built on the west side of the main teaching building at the Doon campus. Construction is to begin at the end of June and is to be completed in July 2002.

A portion of the west wall of the C-corridor will be knocked down during construction. The connection on the first floor will be made adjacent to the hall leading to the blue cafeteria and the Sanctuary. On the second floor, one classroom will be lost for the duration of the construction.

The expansion will have capacity for about 1,600 to 1,750 students, said David Putt, director of physical resources.

In the long term, McGregor said, these plans will also help with the "double cohorts" coming in September 2003 when both Grade 12 and OAC students will be entering the college, because the province eliminated the OAC year in 1998.

Since this space will not be available for another year, college administration is discussing plans to make room for the students coming in the fall.

"It's an interesting dilemma we're in," said McGregor. "There are some ways that we can better use the facilities."

Solutions to the immediate need for space include a new lab and renovations to the existing biology nursing lab; a computer open-access lab including 30 new computers; an additional computer teaching lab; and a room currently being used by staff in the Learning Resource Centre will be converted into a small group teaching room.

Also affected by the increased enrolments will be the bookstore, which will eventually be made larger, said McGregor.



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## Area rooms for rent

### Online directory helps students find housing

By Kirsten Fifield

Even though exams are still a week away, some students are already thinking about next year as they scramble to secure housing for next fall.

Elaine Brunk, the receptionist in student services, said now until the end of August is the busiest time for the college's housing directory, which is put together by student services.

According to Brunk, the housing directory is a list of local landlords who would like to rent rooms to students.

For a fee of \$25 landlords from Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge,

Guelph and Ayr can submit a listing to run in the directory for one year.

"This allows them to be on our Web site, as well as on a hard copy list we make available to students who do not have computers."

This is the first year the housing directory has been available online.

Brunk added that students without computer access at home are also welcome to use the computer in student services, and during the summer, out-of-town students who visit the college can use the student services phone to call prospective landlords. The office also has a map posted for students to locate a specific address.

Brunk said 95 per cent of the

rooms on the directory are single rooms with kitchen privileges, adding there are 193 listings at the moment.

**These will almost all be rented by the time students return to classes next year.**

*Elaine Brunk, student services receptionist*

She said these will almost all be rented by the time students return to classes next year, "but some students will still be looking in September," she laughed.

The rooms on the directory range in price from \$220 to \$750, with most of them falling around the \$350 mark.

Landlords and students are also provided with a sample copy of a roomer/landlord agreement.

"It's good to have everything in writing," said Brunk, "so both know what to expect."

She added that the directory is important because a lot of students do not want to stay in residence and it provides them with an alternative.

The housing directory can be accessed through Conestoga's Web site at [www.conestogac.on.ca](http://www.conestogac.on.ca), and is found under services, student services and then housing. Students must have access to Adobe in order to download the directory.



Elaine Brunk, a receptionist in student services, points to the map located in the student services office, which highlights the different districts contained in the college's housing directory.

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## CSI policy unclear

The CSI is using in-camera sessions inappropriately at their board of governor meetings.

An in-camera session means to move into a separate chamber to exclude the public and press from a discussion. The session is used when debating matters of a confidential, personal or financial nature.

The problem with the CSI going behind closed doors is that they are shutting out students on issues that should be public.

By using these in-camera sessions it seems as if the CSI has something to hide. As a student body discussing student issues, the students should be aware of what the CSI is discussing.

Students do have a right to know about their health insurance provider so why is the CSI going in-camera to discuss this issue as they did on March 28.

The CSI is considering an alternate provider for the students' extended health care. This issue is directly related to students and it should not have been discussed in-camera.

The CSI is still discussing the issue and a decision has not been made.

The students have a right to know if their health insurance fees may go up next year and what the benefits are if the CSI changes providers.

The CSI policy on in-camera sessions doesn't state a reason as to why in-camera was necessary in this instance. The health insurance issue is not a confidential topic. It is a student issue that directly involves students.

Jon Olinski, current CSI vice-president of operations and CSI president-elect, asked to go in-camera to discuss the health insurance issue.

He said his reason was that he felt that the college advisor who attends every CSI meeting, Jack Fletcher, director of student services, should not have been present in the room while the topic was discussed.

Olinski said he personally didn't want him there because he didn't want Fletcher's college-related influence on the issue.

Olinski said because Fletcher is a college employee, he thinks this issue puts Fletcher in a conflict of interest.

Olinski also added that discussion of the health issue could have brought up some personal information about students regarding health concerns that should not be made public.

To make matters worse three members of the CSI executive, Brad Whiteford, CSI president, Jessica Sperling, former chair of the board, and Olinski, could not produce one policy for in-camera sessions.

When Spoke requested a copy of the in-camera policy, Olinski said the policy was in the CSI's constitution when in fact it isn't.

Sperling said the in-camera policy from a CSI procedures and guidelines booklet is being used and Whiteford said the policy was stated in Robert's Rules of Order.

When three members of the CSI don't exactly know which in-camera policy is being used, the credibility of the CSI is definitely to be questioned.

The in-camera policy that is used by the CSI is in a copy of Robert's Rules of Order at a Glance.

The CSI in-camera policy is so broad that it is possible for them to discuss almost any topic in-camera.

Whiteford said the policy needs to be revised so the CSI isn't going in-camera on issues that don't need to be discussed in-camera.

He said he would hope that the people who decide to take the discussion in-camera understand exactly what the policy states.

Whiteford added that there hasn't been enough time spent training people on the CSI board of directors.

He said board members aren't properly trained and when they are elected to a position, it is like a rubber stamp procedure where they assume the position without any formal training.

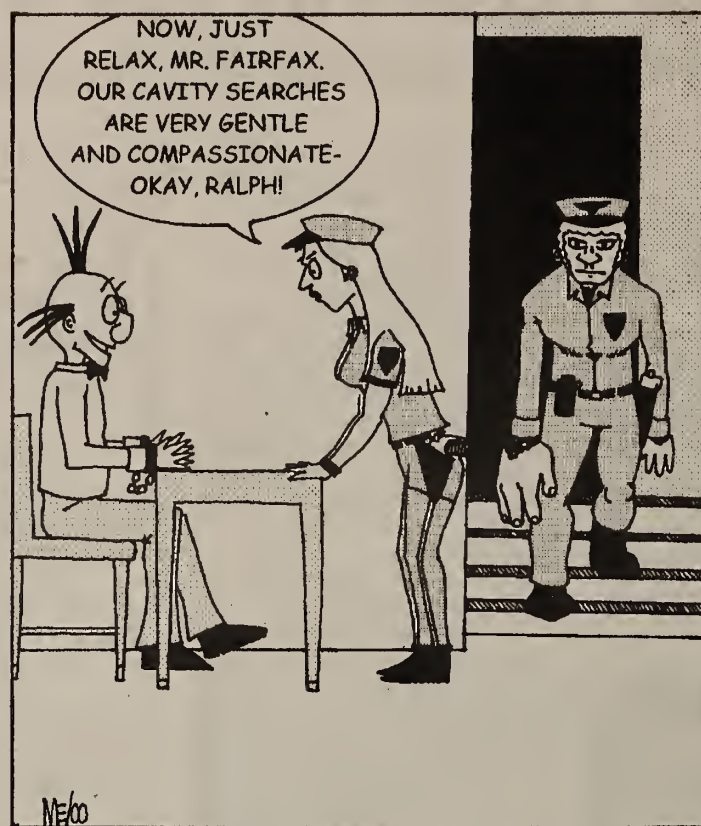
Whiteford suggested the CSI hold in-camera sessions to discuss all topics to be discussed in-camera instead of holding a meeting and then calling for an in-camera session in the middle.

The CSI needs to clean up their act. They need to respect the students' right to know instead of going in-camera whenever they see fit.

A new in-camera policy needs to be written which stipulates specifically when the CSI will go in-camera.

All of the members need to familiarize themselves with the policies and procedures involving the CSI so they can be knowledgeable representatives of the students.

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## The worst service is self-service

Woe is me. Oh, woe is me. I'm not making enough money from my part-time job. I'm only making \$32,000 a year and it's just not good enough.

That's what Kitchener Coun.

Christina Weylie is saying to the public she represents, and that sentiment is absolutely disgusting. What's worse is that she claims that she was tempted to resign in disgust when she was criticized for getting a 60 per cent pay hike.

I wish my boss at the Walper Pub where I work as a bartender would let me raise my \$5.95 hourly wage by 60 per cent.

After the November election, Kitchener council was the only municipal council in the region to give councillors increases in pay. Furthermore, in January, council rejected a citizens' advisory committee's recommendation to increase council's pay by 36 per cent.

The amusing aspect of this situation, if you can call this situation amusing, is that Kitchener councillors would have been paid \$37,800 had the pay increase they were to receive not been scaled back to

\$32,000, the 36 per cent increase.

In case you haven't noticed, I'm a little bitter about politicians giving themselves such a pay hike and when called to task on it by the constituents they represent, these politicians get whiny and angry about it.

Well, tough luck.

Politics isn't about making money; it's about public service. That's the reason why people are supposed to get into politics.

I got into student politics at Conestoga as the student union's vice-president of academics to help people and do something for the greater good. I certainly didn't get into it for the money.

Of course the counter-argument is that Coun. Weylie will work harder than I will because she represents more people than I do and she has a bigger budget to work with.

It's irrelevant. She has meetings to attend or chair. Well, I have meetings I have to attend or chair. Both she and I have constituents we have to represent. We both have to work very hard to make sure the constituents we represent get the best possible representation.

Coun. Weylie says she might have to go back to selling insurance part time because the money she gets from her work on council isn't enough.

I don't know what I can go back to as my job currently pays for all my bills, including school.

How can \$32,000 for a part-time job not be enough? There are people in this city who work more than 40 hours a week and don't bring in that type of money.

By crying foul, Coun. Weylie insults the hard work those people do. She sends the message that because she works hard and puts in extra effort she deserves more.

Unlike my job where I am paid on an hourly rate, Coun. Weylie receives a salary. It doesn't matter how many hours she puts in, her pay will be the same. It's a benefit and drawback of receiving a salary.

The message Coun. Weylie is really sending to her constituents is that she's not involved in municipal politics for the public service, rather she's in it for the money. Other Kitchener councillors agreed with the 10,300 residents who petitioned for council's pay to be slashed.

It's too bad that Coun. Weylie had to say that she was sorely tempted to resign in disgust when citizens organized themselves and protested these pay hikes.

What's worse is that she sent the message that politics is no longer about public service, but rather self-service.

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## Letter to the editor

### Peer hosts support international students with transition in college community

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While we can provide academic support for these students, the peer host provides contact with someone who sees Conestoga College from a student's perspective.

It is a great advantage for international students to meet students in other college programs, and to

get a taste of student life in Canada.

While initially, international students were partnered with Canadians, in recent semesters, returning international students have, themselves, volunteered to become peer hosts.

They wanted to make sure that new international students had an experience as good as their own. This is indicative of how valuable this support was, and is, to Conestoga's international students.

We recognize the contribution of the peer host volunteers and would like to thank everyone involved for this invaluable service.

From all of us in English Language Studies, best wishes for continued success.

Melanie Reed,  
co-ordinator,  
English language studies  
and  
Chris Buuck,  
chair,  
English language studies

## What a mess



Steve Coleman, incoming vice-president of activities for the CSI, looks at the mess in the Sanctuary on April 5.  
(Photo by Jody Andruszkiewicz)

## Laptop lucky



Kirine Boulanger, a second-year business student from Guelph, was the laptop winner in March's cafeteria contest. The laptop was presented to her on April 9.

(Photo by Reni Nicholson)

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# Students question membership fees

## Outlay of \$815 deemed too high for social services designations

By Reni Nicholson

The registration fee to become a member of the new Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers was the main concern voiced by those who attended the information session on the new college held at Conestoga College April 5.

About 45 people including second-year students from the social services program at the college, faculty, the program advisory committee and several agencies in the area came to hear Glenda McDonald, registrar of the college speak about the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers Act that was acclaimed Aug. 15, 2000.

Membership in the college is mandatory for all those practising social work, said McDonald.

"If you want to give yourself the title of either profession, you must belong to the college."

Membership in the college requires the payment of an initial \$445 and \$370 annually.

Concerns about the amount of the fee and how it is used arose during the question period following the information McDonald presented.

There is no subsidy program available to compensate for the payment, no money can be received when the fee is claimed for income tax purposes and the annual membership is valid from January to January.

McDonald said some agencies have pre-paid the fee for their employees and in return have

deducted it from their paycheques in small amounts until the fee is paid.

"A number of regulatory colleges were looked at," said McDonald, "and from other regulatory colleges our size, such as the chiropractic college, we found that our fees are on the lower end. It works out to be about \$1.50 per day."

The annual membership payments collected by the college are used to pay for staff and possible judicial hearings.

These judicial hearings are conducted when a member has done something unprofessional that goes against the code of ethics and standards of practices agreed upon by every member.

The fee will go to sustain the college, as well as funding the judicial hearings.

The college has gained about 7,000 members in its first year and foresees membership figures leveling out at about 40,000.

Its mandate, as stated by McDonald, has two purposes. She said the legislation was primarily created to serve and protect the public interest and to regulate the practice of social workers and social service workers.

She said most people aren't able to understand that the college's primary interest doesn't concern the members of the college.

"Our members aren't the primary party at stake, the public is."

"Many of us have been discouraged that there was nothing to hang our hats on with our five-year degree," said Patrice Butts, a faculty



Glenda McDonald, registrar of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, spoke to an audience of about 45 April 5. The information session explained the necessary membership in the college for social workers and social service workers who want to use the titles. (Photo by Reni Nicholson)

member in the social services program who has a masters in social work from Wilfrid Laurier University.

Butts told the room the act is a positive thing.

"It's an important step in this pro-

fession. We are rising to join ranks with those in similar professions," she said.

Butts said concerns should not specifically be the application fee, but the step being taken to have the profession recognized.

## Knowles wins seat on board

By Reni Nicholson

Print shop employee Lynn Knowles has been elected to the board of governors support staff position.

Knowles won with 71 votes in the April 4 election.

Alumni services officer Monica Himmelman had 34 votes, liaison officer Jan Stroh had 24 votes and student employment officer Sajel Boteju had 3.

Knowles will sit on the board as a representative of support staff commencing in the fall semester and ongoing until Aug. 31, 2004.

After her three-year term, another support staff member will have the opportunity to take the seat.

The position is one of three internal positions elected to the board on a rotating basis. Last year an administrative staff member was acclaimed and next year the academic position will become vacant.

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# Class project beneficial, though short of goal

By Jody Andruszkiewicz

Even though they fell short of their goal to raise over \$1,000 for the Betty Thompson Youth Centre and Argus, the first-year recreation and leisure studies revenue generation class still managed to raise \$417.25 during an April 3-5 fund-raiser for both organizations.

Betty Thompson, located in downtown Kitchener, and Argus, located in Cambridge, are youth centres in Waterloo Region that help troubled teens by offering them counselling services.

Betty Thompson has an overnight shelter called Safe Haven, which briefly closed its doors during the Christmas break because of a lack of funding.

Argus runs two centres, one for men and one for women.

The class was split into two groups, one raised money for Betty

Thompson and the other for Argus.

For the purposes of this fund-raiser, the Argus women's centre was chosen as the beneficiary.

According to Tyler Young, group leader for the Argus section of the class, the idea for this fund-raiser came from Greg Burns, program co-ordinator of recreation and leisure studies.

Young, 24, said Burns has been a resource for helping with problems, but outside of that, he left everything in the hands of the class, including the hierarchy of the groups.

The project, the first year an event like this has been done in that class, started back in September and culminated with the Pulling for Prizes fund-raiser. The class had to solicit prizes from businesses in the community and advertise their event on campus.

"It was a learning experience for us," said Young.

"This project helped our class come together and become a unit to deal with real life experiences," said Heather Sheptenko, group leader for Betty Thompson, whose group had 39 prizes available to be won. Argus had 45 prizes available to be won.

The largest prize was a dinner for eight at Montanas Cookhouse Grille in Cambridge worth an estimated \$120.

Sheptenko, 18, also said this project helped illustrate to the class the positive and negative points to fund-raising.

Burns said this project was an excellent experience for all involved.

"It develops their skills for going out and soliciting prizes, which is hard for students to do," he said, adding that the project isn't yet complete as those companies who donated prizes still had to receive



Heather Sheptenko, left, and Tyler Young chaired committees that raised over \$400 for the Betty Thompson Youth Centre and Argus during the Pulling For Prizes fund-raiser held on April 3-5.

(Photo by Jody Andruszkiewicz)

their letters of appreciation.

Burns also said as far as he is concerned, this project will be an

annual event. However, different non-profit organizations will be chosen for next year's event.



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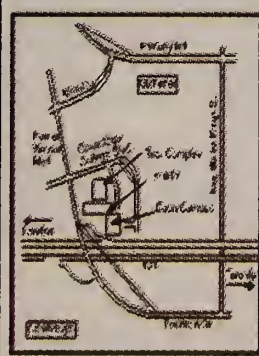
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## Volunteer week raises awareness

College learning skills adviser hopes to recruit some peer hosts during volunteering week

By Kirsten Fifield

National Volunteer Week, which runs from April 22-28, is a great opportunity to raise awareness in the student population about the need for volunteers within the student community, says the college's learning skills adviser.

Melissa Turner, who co-ordinates the peer host program at the college, said she wants to use this week to recruit peer hosts, since volunteers at the college were honoured two weeks ago during Peer Appreciation Week.

"It is really good for students to know there is a National Volunteer Week. It raises awareness for students to go out and volunteer in their community."

Turner said the peer host program at the college gives international students or landed immigrants, who are learning English, an opportunity to be paired with

someone more familiar with Canadian culture, in a support and friendship role.

**"It's not a lot of time, but it does make a huge difference for students in that they can meet with someone every week."**

*Melissa Turner,  
learning skills adviser*

She added that any student is welcome to become a peer host as long as he/she feels comfortable with the different resources available at the college, can share information about the community and is able to help students practise their English.

"We had 28 students volunteer this year," said Turner, "which is more than normal. This allowed us to make 65 matches because many

hosts were paired with more than one student."

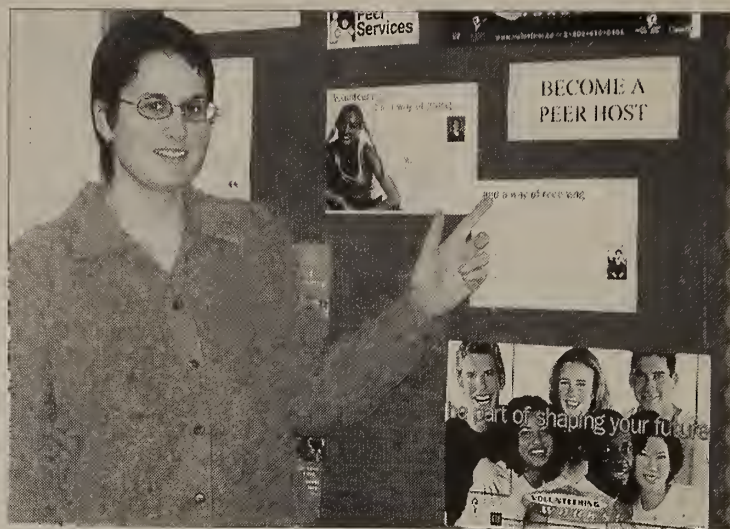
She said students, who are interested in the program, are required to fill out an application at student services, provide reference checks and sit for an interview.

They are then required to attend a training session that will teach them about college and community resources, culture shock, intercultural communication and where to refer students if they require additional services such as tutoring or counselling.

The program is considered an on-campus activity and requires hosts to spend one hour per week with each student they are paired with.

"It's not a lot of time, but it does make a huge difference for students in that they can meet with someone every week."

Turner said the commitment for hosts is one semester, but some



Melissa Turner, learning skills adviser at the college, shows off the board she created to promote becoming a peer host. The program is being highlighted as part of National Volunteer Week.

(Photo by Kirsten Fifield)

matches continue for the entire year.

Hosts are also required during the summer months and students who

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# Conestoga found guilty in simulation

Exercise began on March 7 with staged accident in college Woodworking Centre

By Kyla Rowntree

Conestoga College was found guilty of four offences under the Ontario Health and Safety Act and regulations for industrial establishments April 4 at a mock trial conducted as part of a second-year LASA student consolidation exercise.

The exercise allows LASA students the opportunity to use their skills in a real-life situation that began with an accident and ends in a trial and conviction.

The consolidation exercise began on March 7 when a staged accident occurred in the Ontario Woodworking Centre shop at the college.

Scaffolding collapsed on two students killing one and injuring the other.

A small courtroom was set up in room 3A615 and students were called to the witness stand to testify in front of a provincial court judge played by Gordon Miller, a retired deputy chief of the Waterloo regional police.

Wojtek Plaga, a second-year LASA student, played the role of the faculty supervisor at the college at the time of the accident.

**The college was found guilty of failing as an employer to provide equipment, materials and protective devices.**

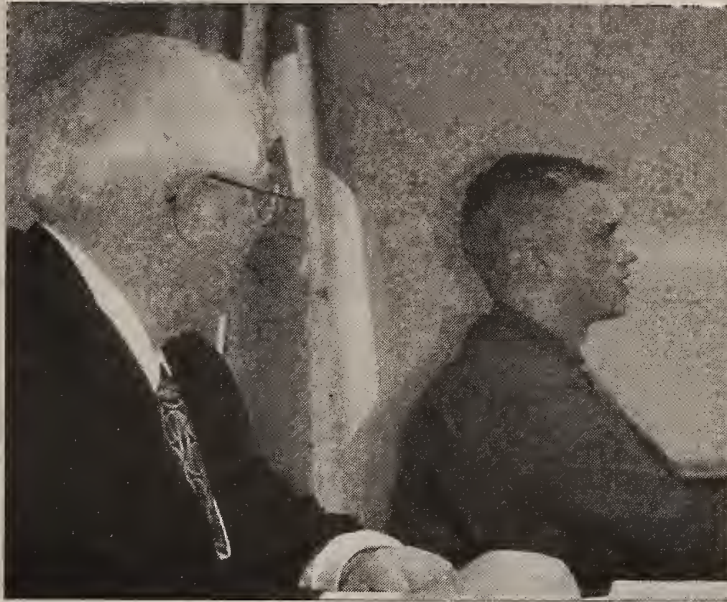
Chris Grey, a second-year LASA student, played the role of an investigator from the Ministry of Labour and testified as a witness.

Lauren Vickery, a second-year LASA student, played the survivor of the accident.

She testified that she did not have any formal training on scaffolding.

Brian Dykman, a second-year LASA student, played the investigator from the Ministry of Labour and he also testified.

Pictures and evidence were presented to the judge to show the scene of the accident.



Brian Dykman (right), a second-year LASA student, plays the role as a witness as part of the continuation of a real-life exercise. Dykman is playing a Ministry of Labour investigator in a courtroom setup on April 4 in room 3A615. Gordon Miller, a retired deputy chief with the Waterloo regional police department, played the judge.

(Photo by Kyla Rowntree)

Lawyers played by students and faculty investigated the accident scene and questioned the witnesses to determine the guilt of the parties involved.

The college was found guilty of failing as an employer to provide equipment, materials and protective devices.

It was also found guilty of failing as an employer to ensure that measures and procedures were carried out in the workplace.

The college was also found guilty of failing as an employer to provide information and instruction and supervision to a worker to protect the health and safety of a worker and also failing as an employer to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of a worker.

The consolidation exercise will continue with a civil trial on April 18.

The civil trial, which will have a jury present in the courtroom, will determine the punitive damages and award the parties compensation.

## CSI award winners



The 2000/01 CSI executive received awards at its banquet, April 5, at the St. Jacobs Best Western hotel. Winners were (clockwise from bottom left): Brad Whiteford, executive award of recognition for his role as president; Jon Olinski, award of recognition for role as vice-president of operations; Ellen Menage, ex-officio award of recognition; Mike Harris, executive award of recognition for role as vice-president of academic; Tracy Evans, executive award of recognition for role as vice-president of student life; and Jack Fletcher, a certificate of appreciation and the first CSI lifetime achievement award.

(Photo by Dwight Irwin)



Other recipients of CSI awards were, back row left to right: Tony Martin, certificate of appreciation; Fred Harris, on behalf of associate registrar Janeen Hoover, award of excellence; Steve Coleman, award of distinction and staff member; Adam DeRooy, board of directors; and Trevor Trewartha, award of distinction and certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Walksafe Program. In front: Roweena Kurg, BOD and certificate of appreciation; Jessica Sperling, BOD chair award of recognition; Christa Adair, BOD and certificate of appreciation; Jen Webb, BOD; and Ginny Hawkrigg, BOD and certificate of appreciation.

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Especially as the school year draws to a close for graduating students, it's important to make a connection with people and places outside the college. These resources can help you find an affordable home, find a car seat, baby clothes and toys, connect to counselling groups and workshops, or give a number to phone in a crisis. Specific professional support can be provided for pregnancy, alcohol and drug counselling, single parent and family supports, credit counselling, legal aid, and many other services. If you're not sure where to go for help, just ask us. We'll help you get connected with the right people.

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# Bourque's Avalanche will win 2001 Cup

With the start of the NHL's Stanley Cup playoffs, everyone has different ideas on who will take Lord Stanley's mug home this year. As of April 9, here are my predictions.

## Eastern Conference — first round

**New Jersey vs. Carolina** — The defending Stanley Cup champion Devils will have no problems with the Hurricanes, who have little playoff experience. Carolina is improving as a team and Jeff O'Neill enjoyed a breakout regular season, but it won't be enough to put a scare into Scott Stevens, Martin Brodeur, Jason Arnott and company. Devils will win in four.

**Ottawa vs. Toronto** — The Battle of Ontario II should be as exciting and have even more side stories than last year. Ottawa won all five meetings this year, but they won the season series last year too, before losing to the Leafs in the first round. The Leafs have been inconsistent all season and still don't look ready for a strong playoff, while Ottawa has dominated most of the league all season, with continued consistency. We'll see if the moves the Leafs made last year will help in the playoffs. Curtis Joseph has been known to steal some playoff games, but I think Ottawa will beat the Leafs in six.

**Washington vs. Pittsburgh** — Washington finished third in the

east because they had a strong season both up front and on defence. Olaf Kolzig is a solid goaltender and has taken them to the Cup finals before. They'll be tough to beat, but there's a guy in Pittsburgh named Mario. The Pens will score enough goals to overcome their goaltending questions and win in seven.

**Philadelphia vs. Buffalo** — These teams battled for home-ice advantage right up to the last day of the season. Both teams are strong defensively, but the Sabres have the edge in net with Dominik Hasek, while the Flyers have Roman Cechmanek, who has never been in the Stanley Cup playoffs. The Flyers have more firepower on offence, but if Hasek gets hot, he's tough to beat. Buffalo in seven.

## Western Conference — first round

**Colorado vs. Vancouver** — Colorado will make quick work of the injury-depleted Canucks. Joe Sakic is at the top of his game. Peter Forsberg is a force. Ray Bourque and Rob Blake are hungry for their first Cups. Patrick Roy is still magical between the pipes and Milan Hejduk, Alex Tanguay and Chris Drury are



Dwight Irwin

budding stars in this league. The Canucks won't be able to match the Avalanche's firepower and will make a quiet exit in five games.

**Detroit vs. Los Angeles** — Detroit hasn't lost at Joe Louis Arena in 2001, a span of 19 games. The Kings were supposed to fade after they traded Blake to Colorado, but they did the opposite, charging from way behind to steal seventh in the west. Despite rolling into the post-season, the Kings can't match Detroit's experience and will fall to the Red Wings in six.

**Dallas vs. Edmonton** — This is the best match-up of the first round. For the fifth straight year the Stars and Oilers will battle in Round one. Edmonton has won only one of those playoff rounds, but this year the Oilers have been more consistent than any of the past four. The main match-up will be the Oilers' speed versus the Stars' stifling defence. It will be an extremely exciting series, with the Stars winning in six hard-fought games.

**St. Louis vs. San Jose** — This is a rematch of last year's first round, where the Sharks upset the first place Blues. Both teams have struggled as of late and the first one to snap out of their slump will win this series. Both teams have inexperienced goalies and potent offences. The Sharks' Mike Ricci is one of the best in the league come playoff time and he's on fire as of

late, scoring eight goals in his last six games. If he stays hot, he'll make the difference in this series. Sharks in seven.

## Eastern Conference — second round

**New Jersey vs. Pittsburgh** — Even Mario won't be able to stop this Devils team, who have four strong lines and can even stifle an offence as strong as the Pens. The highest scoring team in the league will also expose Pittsburgh goalie Johan Hedberg, who has only 10 NHL games to his credit, as being too inexperienced for the NHL playoffs. Devils in five.

**Ottawa vs. Buffalo** — Buffalo made two great moves at the trading deadline, bringing in Steve Heinze and Donald Audette, to boost their scoring, while keeping their gritty players on the roster. The Senators have great speed, but unlike the Leafs, the Sabres can match it. Plus, they have Hasek who has carried this team deep into the playoffs before. Sabres in seven.

## Western Conference — second round

**Colorado vs. San Jose** — The Sharks will offer little in competition for the powerful Avs. Upsets can happen, but don't count on it being in this series. Colorado is just too good. Avalanche in six.

**Detroit vs. Dallas** — This may be the hardest series to call. Both teams have tons of playoff experience and

both are led by aging players, not young hot shots. The Red Wings are older than the Stars and will wear down quickly against their heavy-hitting opponents. Expect Wings goalie Chris Osgood to struggle against the Stars who love crashing the net. Stars in six.

## Eastern Conference finals

**New Jersey vs. Buffalo** — The Sabres will put up a valiant fight, but will be dropped by the Devils. Hasek is no longer the world's greatest goalie and he's known to get hurt in the playoffs. Expect the Devils to take advantage of this and win in six.

## Western Conference finals

**Colorado vs. Dallas** — For two consecutive years the Stars have beaten the Avalanche in the west finals in seven games. Expect it to go that far this year. Colorado has a better overall team, but they have trouble finishing the Stars, who don't quit until the final buzzer. Expect the Avs to squeak by the Stars in game seven.

## Stanley Cup finals

**New Jersey vs. Colorado** — This might be the best Stanley Cup final of the past 10 years. These two teams are so fast, score at such a high pace and possess great defence and great goaltending. There are few soft spots on either team. But the Avalanche will win Ray Bourque his first Stanley Cup in 21 seasons in the NHL, in overtime of game seven.

# Tutors and hosts recognized and appreciated at peer services reception

By Kyla Rowntree

The Al Logan award was presented to peer tutor Andrea Brennan, a second-year nursing student, at the peer reception on April 4 at Conestoga College.

The Al Logan award is presented in memory of Al Logan who worked as head of Conestoga's counselling department for 13 years.

The Al Logan award is presented to students who display similar qualities to Logan, who worked in Conestoga's counselling department.

Logan died in 1982 as a result of pancreatic cancer at 56. The award is presented to a student who displays similar qualities to Logan. The award is given to a student who displays a significant contribution to the community spirit at Conestoga College.

Brennan's name will now appear on the Al Logan plaque.

Liz McGrath, a peer service administrator with student services, nominated Brennan for the award.

McGrath said Brennan has been an outstanding support as a tutor.

"She goes way out of her way as tutor," said McGrath. "She goes way beyond the role of a tutor and she is a mentor to others."

About 150 tutors, hosts, faculty and college management recognized the efforts of the peer hosts and tutors at the reception.

Carol Gregory, co-ordinator of student services at the college, opened the reception by saying she has never seen such a turnout.

About 175 tutors work at the college and Gregory said this was a time to honour them.

John Tibbits, president of the college, said tutoring is one of the services at the college that benefits the students and the college.

He said this program at the college is very successful and he couldn't believe how much it has grown.

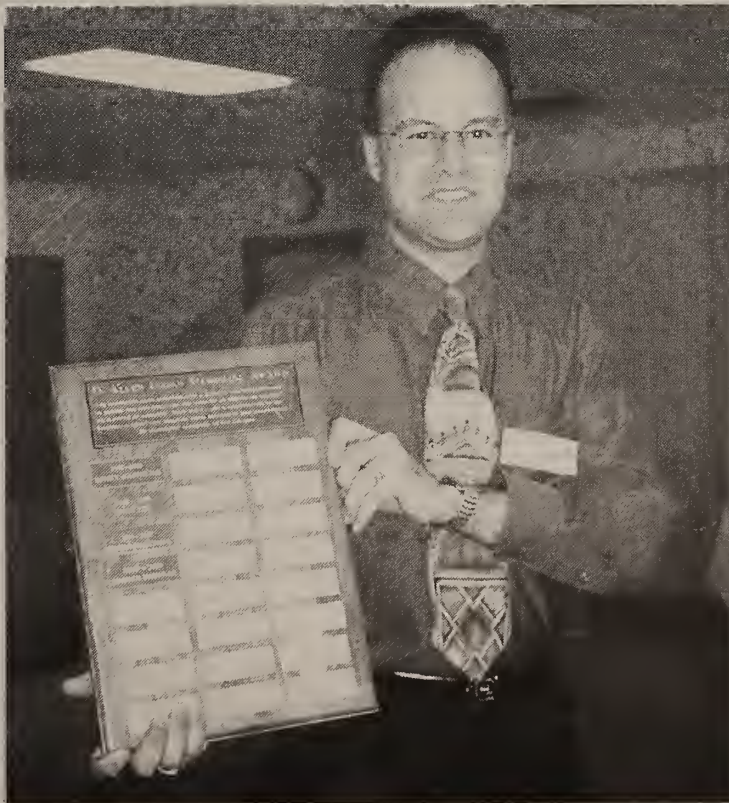
Letters of appreciation from faculty and students at the college were read.

The letters outlined the extra time and commitment the tutors contribute to make a difference in someone's life.

Tutors were described as a lifeline for students who use the tutoring service.

Certificates were presented to all the tutors at the reception and shirts were presented to the hosts.

Jack Fletcher, director of student services, and Elaine Brunk, a receptionist with student services, were at the reception and their retirement was announced.



David Logan, son of the late Al Logan, presents the Al Logan award at the peer reception on April 4 in the blue room cafeteria at Conestoga College. The award was given to Andrea Brennan, a second-year nursing student, who wasn't present at the reception.

(By Jody Andruszkiewicz)

Brunk has been with college for 15 years. She worked in registration with continuing education for 10 years and has been with student services for the past five.

Fletcher has been with the college for 12 years. He was the chair of students services for eight years and for the past four years he has been the director.

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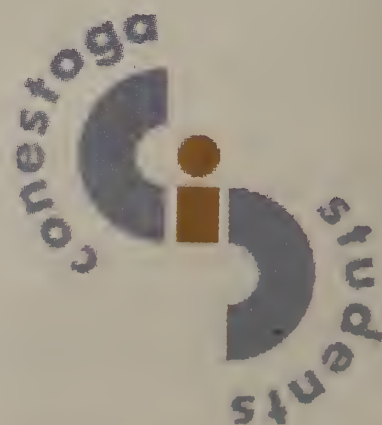
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